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ENDGAME PART
THREE



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Al Simmons was a hit man for the U.S. government until his C.O. Jason Wynn, betrayed him and a mysterious assassin ended Al's life. At the moment of his death, Al was offered a deal by the demon Malebolgia and returned to Earth as Spawn, a creature with supernatural powers born in Hell.

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ENDGAME PART 3



PREVIOUSLY IN SPAWN

Using the last vestige of his power, Al Simmons turns to his last resort – the one true way to kill a Hellspawn – blowing his own head off. This act sends ripples across Heaven and Hell, alerting both sides that something has slipped out of balance. Furthermore, Simmons' act seems to have created an "anomaly" where he lay – a patch of earth where neither Heaven nor Hell holds power.

Simmons' longtime tormentor, the Clown, stumbles upon the body. He ponders how he can use Simmons' death to his advantage. Similarly, an angel, as Heaven's agent on earth, also discovers the body.

At the exact moment of Simmons' death, a young man wakes up in a New York hospital after years in a coma. Dubbed Patient 47, the young man is told his name is Jim Downing, but has no memory of his previous life. While disturbing visions haunt Jim, the attending doctors marvel at his awakening and the supernatural pace at which his body is recovering.

The doctors are not the only ones to take an interest in Jim's recovery: A young nurse, Sara, confesses that she has prayed over Jim nightly, hoping God would send her a sign by healing him... A trio of detectives wonders why a prominent attorney inexplicably took his own life... And a mysterious intermediary makes arrangements for a super-powered thug to bust into the hospital and abduct the mysterious Patient 47...

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NEW YORK CLARION

MARC!
I NEED THOSE
NUMBERS
ANALYZING THE
STOCK...

ALREADY
SENT.
CHECK YOUR
E-MAIL.

WHAT
ABOUT THE
BUDGET
UPDATES?

I'M ON IT.
GIVE ME
TWO MORE
SECONDS...

THERE!
IT'S IN YOUR
INBOX.

WHERE
DID THE
JONESTOWN
SUICIDES
TAKE PLACE
AGAIN?

GUYANA.
DOWN IN
SOUTH
AMERICA.

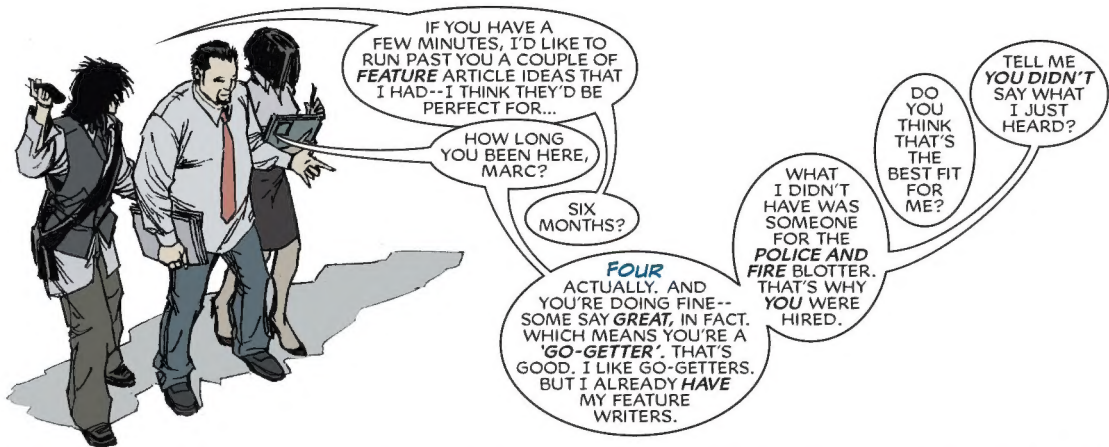
HOW MANY
GRAMMYS DOES
NELLY HAVE?

THREE.



MR.
DeLEON?
I MEAN
BOB...

YOU
HAD IT RIGHT
THE *FIRST*
TIME-- WHAT
DO YOU
NEED?

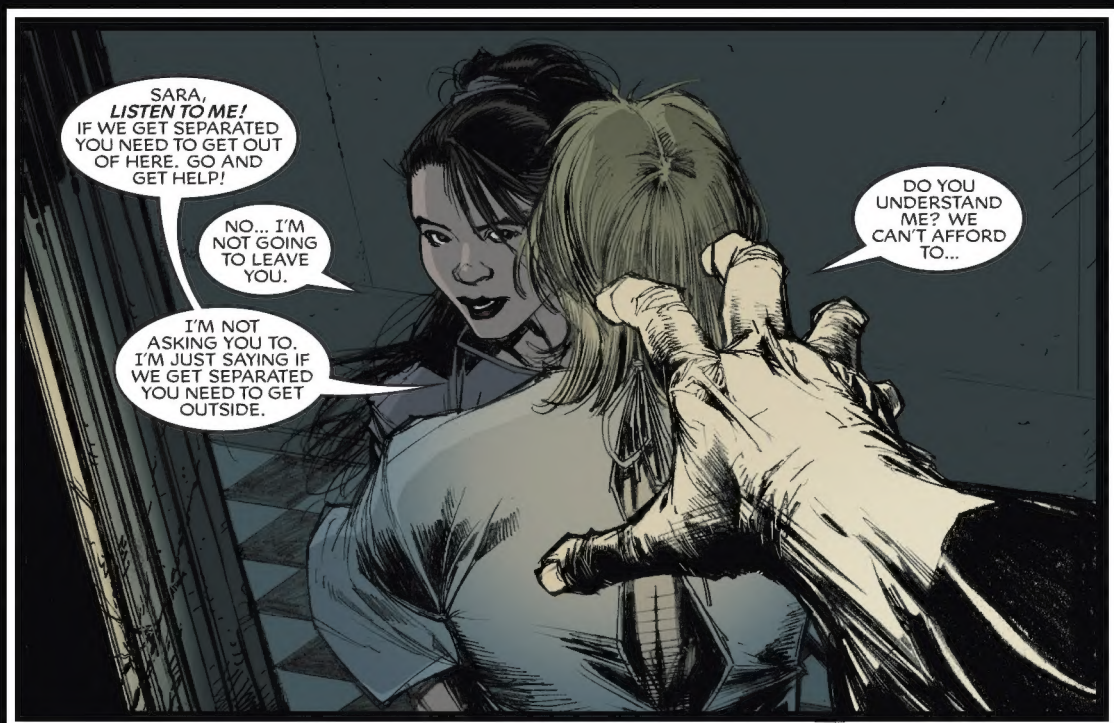






DID
YOU HEAR
ME...?

YOU'RE
COMING
WITH
ME!





puff

puff



sara.

saraa@aa@....

WHO'S
THERE?



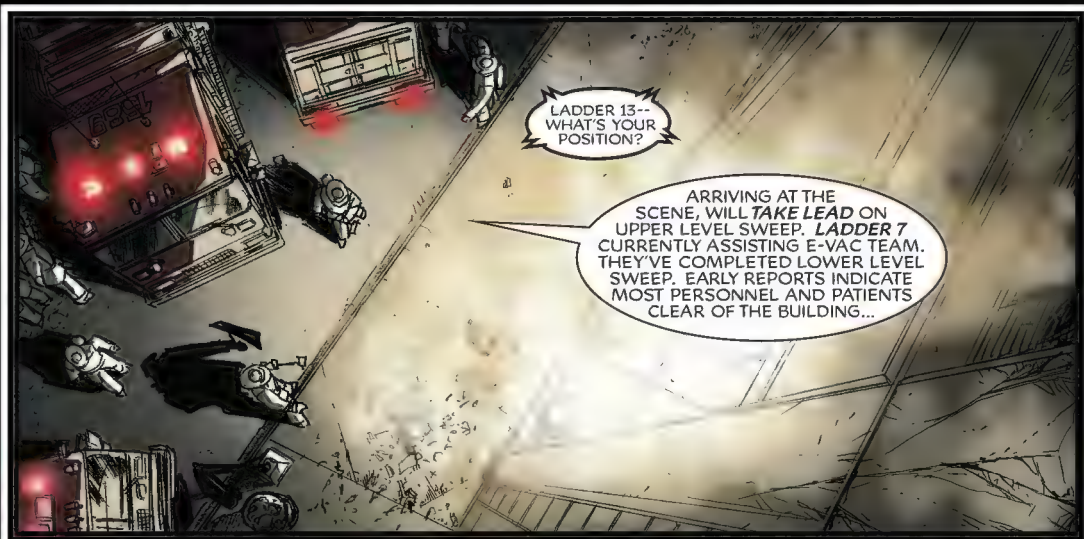
CLOSE
YOUR EYES.
SLEEP...

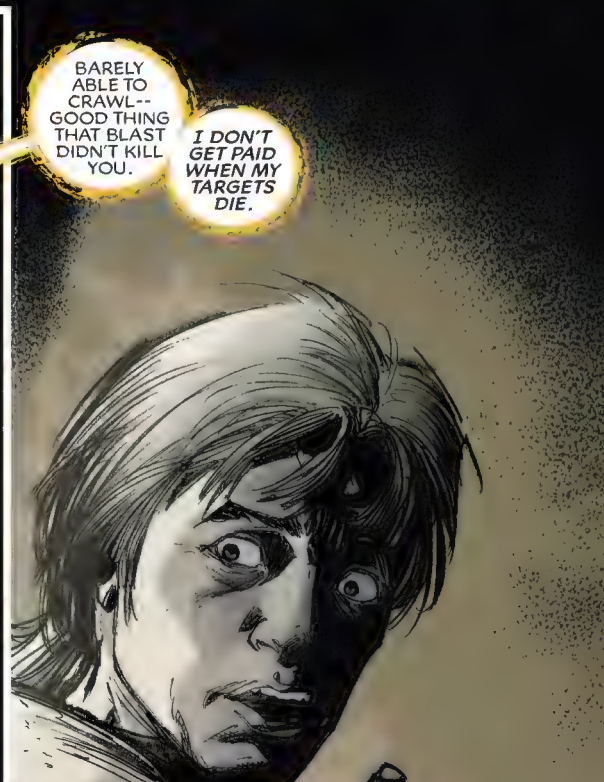


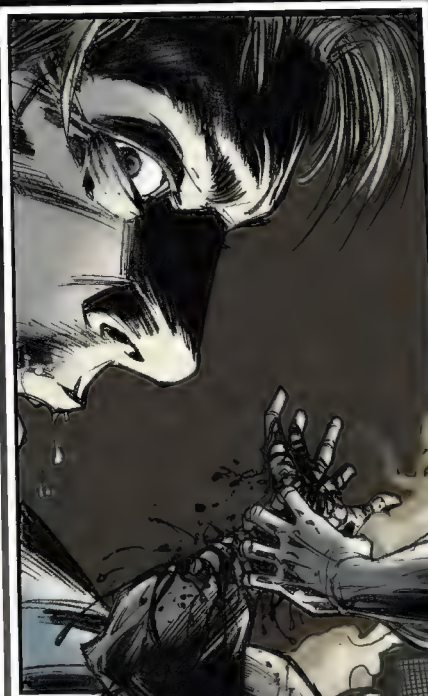
AND
FORGET.







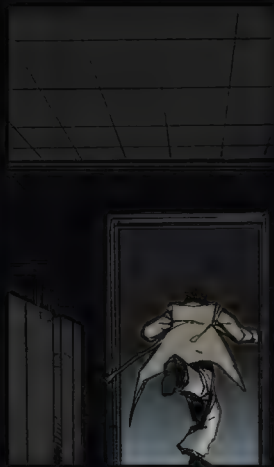
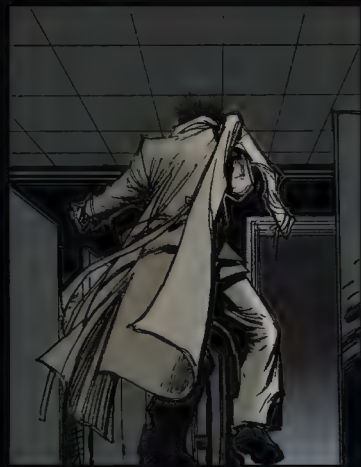
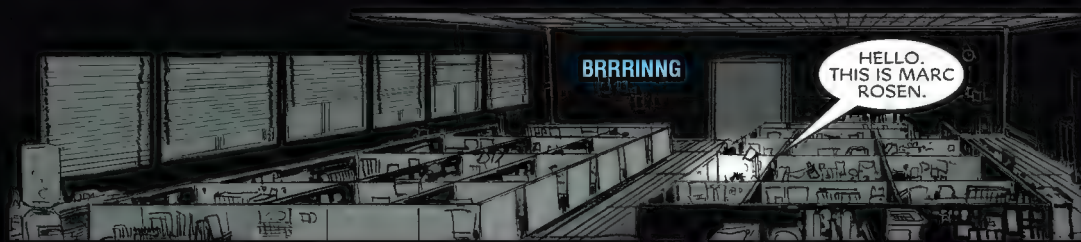




EXTRACTOR!
WHAT'S HAPPENING?
DO YOU HAVE YOUR
TARGET?!

RESCUE
UNITS ARE
INSIDE THE BUILDING.
GRAB YOUR GUY
AND GET THE
HELL OUT OF
THERE!

DO YOU
COPY?



FLOORS ONE
THROUGH FOUR
ARE CLEAN. GIBSON,
TAKE THREE MEN WITH
YOU TO THE TOP. LET
ME KNOW HOW FAR
THE FLAMES HAVE
REACHED.

THE REST
OF YOU, COME
WITH ME TO THE
SIDE DOOR.



KRAK



WE NEED TO
MAKE SURE WE
HAVEN'T MISSED
SOMEONE.

FAN
OUT!



ALL
CLEAR
DOWN
THE EAST
WING.



JONES?
REPORT
IN.



LEVEL
FIVE
CLEAR,
CHIEF!

WE'RE
GOING
UP ONE
MORE.



SIR--
OVER
THERE!



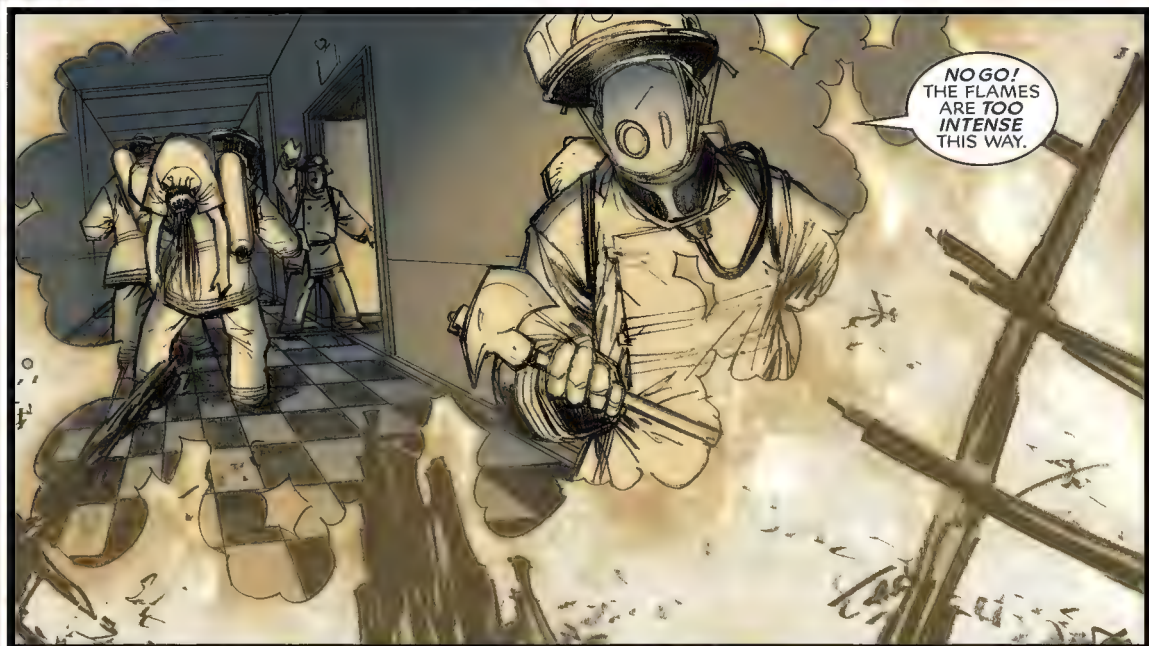
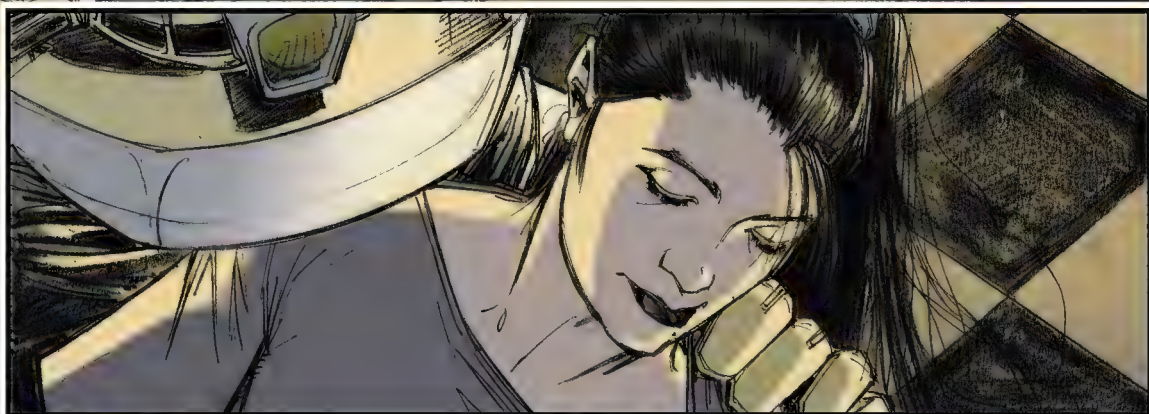


GET ME
SOME
OXYGEN!

MISS?--
MISS! CAN
YOU HEAR
ME?

SHE'S NOT
RESPONDING.
GET HER DOWN-
STAIRS. TELL THE
PARAMEDICS WE
HAVE ANOTHER
ONE.

EVERYONE
ELSE--**SPREAD
OUT!** WE'RE
LOOKING FOR
MORE!



NO GO!
THE FLAMES
ARE TOO
INTENSE
THIS WAY.



TURN
BACK!

GROUND
CONTROL--
WE'RE BLOCKED!
NEED HELICOPTER
ASSISTANCE TO
SCAN THE ROOF
FOR ANY CIVILIANS
THAT MAY HAVE
GONE THAT
WAY!

WHAT
DID YOU DO
TO ME YOU
FREAK?!

IS THIS
WHY THEY
WANT YOU?
BECAUSE YOU'RE
'LATENT'?
LIKE I WAS?!

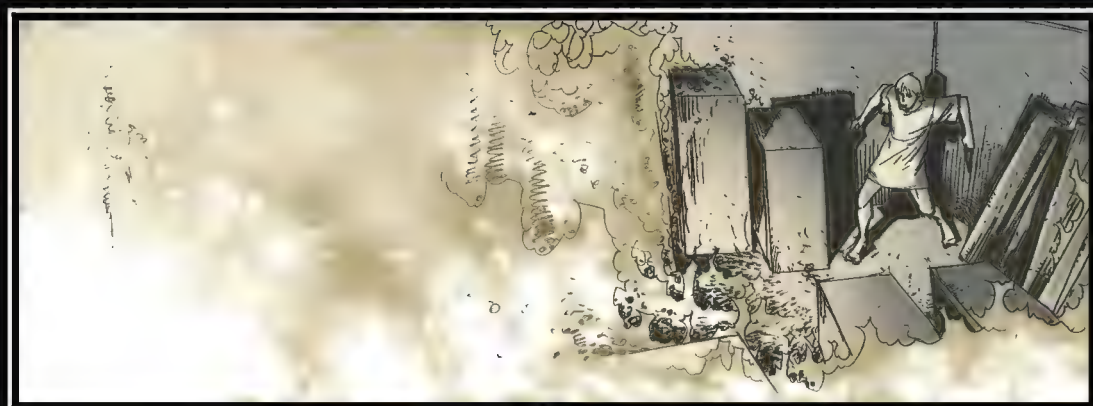
YOU'RE
OUT OF
YOUR
MIND.

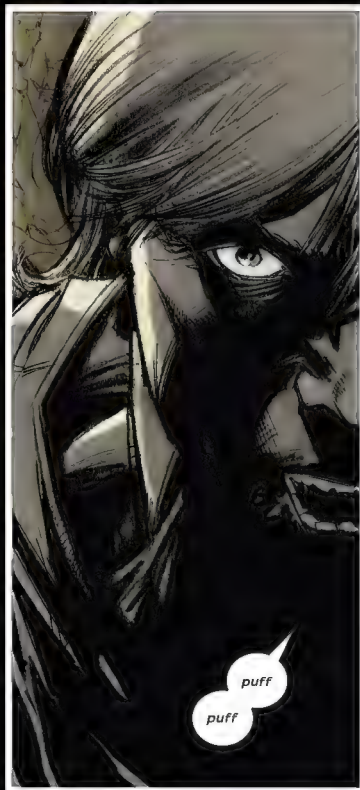
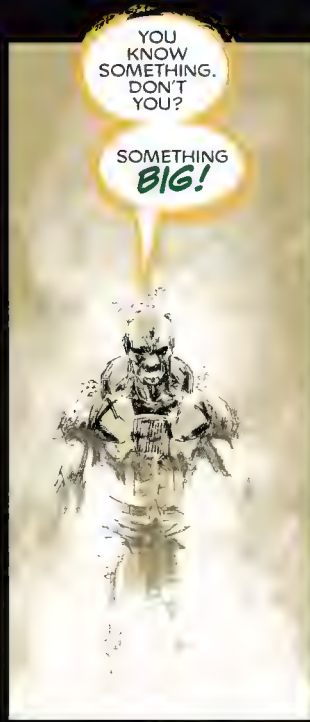
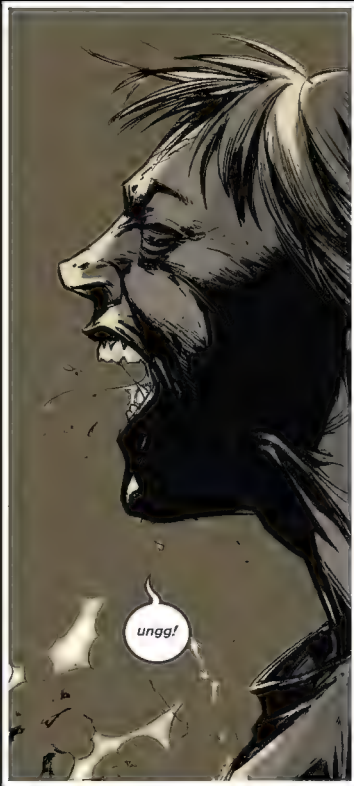
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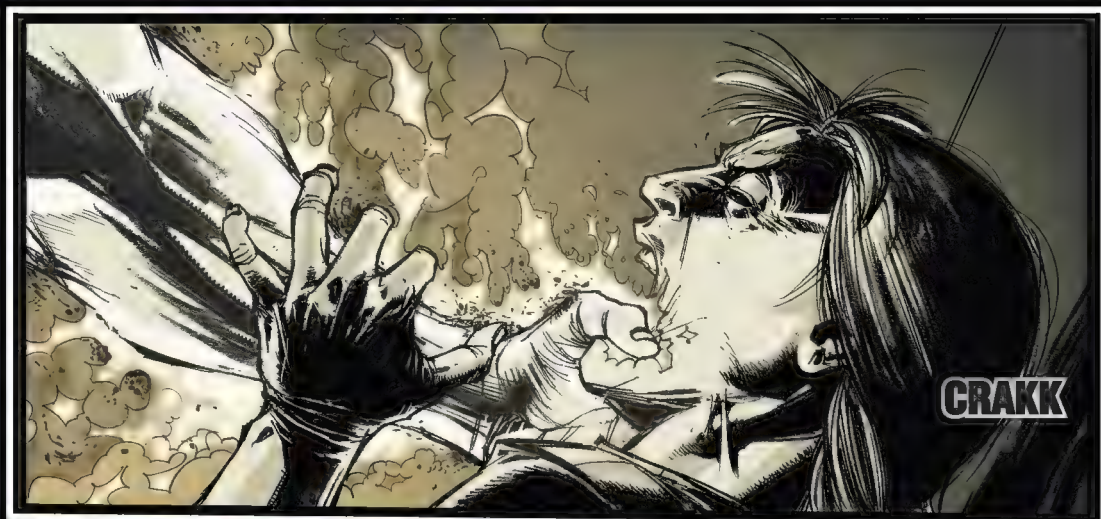
YOU'RE
OUT OF TIME.
I'M GIVING YOU
FIVE MORE
SECONDS.

ONE.

TWO.







CRAKK



IT'S
MY JOB
TO MAKE
SURE THEY
GET *THAT*
BACK!



GODAMMIT,
EXTRACTOR! GET
OUT OF THERE!
THE BUILDING'S
SWARMING WITH
RESCUE UNITS!

TARGET
CONTAINED...
JUST
TENDERIZING
THE MEAT.

NO!
THOSE
AREN'T YOUR
ORDERS!

THIS IS
A 'SNATCH
AND GRAB'
ONLY!

DO YOU
COPY? DO
NOT ENGAGE
TARGET!

DO NOT
ENGAGE!

WHO
ARE...

ALL
YOU...

PEOPLE!!

WHAT'S
THAT
NOISE?

GODDAMMIT!
WHAT'S
HAPPENING
THERE?

DO YOU
READ ME?
REPORT
YOUR
STATUS!

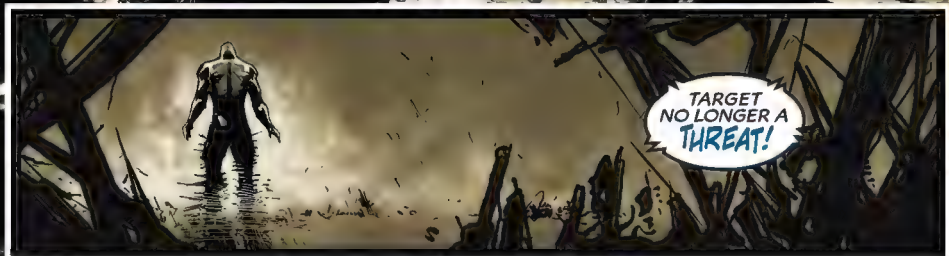
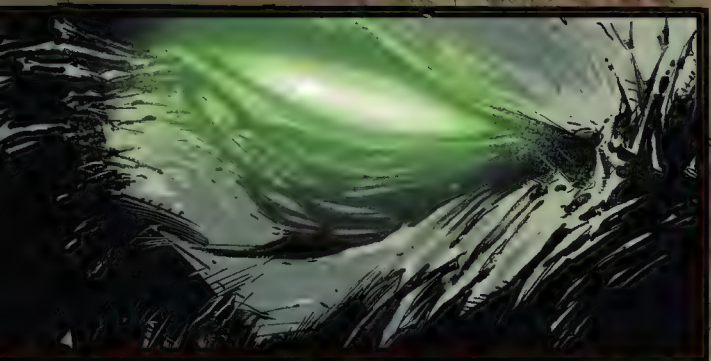
EXTRACTOR?

JESUS
CHRIST!... THAT'S
IT!! ABORT
MISSION!



REPEAT!...

ABORT
YOUR
MISSION!!



TARGET
NO LONGER A
THREAT!



MOMENTS AGO, IT WAS CONFIRMED THAT **ANOTHER** EXPLOSION HAS OCCURRED AT ST. ANTHONY'S. AS WAS REPORTED EARLIER, THE FIRST EXPLOSION WAS QUICKLY FOLLOWED WITH SPECULATION THAT THIS MAY BE AN ORGANIZED TERRORIST ATTACK.

PRESENTLY, WE HAVE NO CONFIRMED EXPLANATIONS FOR THE EXPLOSIONS. CITY OFFICIALS ARE TRYING TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER THESE WERE TRAGIC ACCIDENTS-- MISHAPS IN BUILDING MAINTAINANCE-- OR, AS SOME ARE SAYING, THE ACTIVITIES OF PERSONS OR GROUPS YET UNKNOWN.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THIS SITUATION, IN ANTICIPATION OF OFFICIAL WORD FROM A POLICE SPOKESMAN. OBVIOUSLY, A DETERMINATION OF THE CAUSE OF THE EXPLOSIONS WILL HAVE A HUGE IMPACT ON THE STATE OF MIND OF THOSE LIVING IN THE NEW YORK AREA.



OH, FOR THE LOVE OF GOD!!
GIVE ME A BREAK!

THEY CAN'T TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN **TERRORIST BOMBINGS** AND A **BOILER ROOM** EXPLOSION!! THOSE ARE SOME KIND OF **SLEUTHS** YOUR TAX DOLLARS ARE EMPLOYING. YOU'D THINK BEING ABLE TO QUICKLY TELL THE AREA CITIZENS WHETHER THEY ARE UNDER ATTACK BY **EXTREMIST MILITANTS** WOULD BE A PRIORITY. **BUT!--** WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT FROM THE SAME CROWD THAT HAS YET TO COME FORWARD WITH **ANYTHING** ABOUT THAT BLINDING **'GREEN FLASH'** FROM THE OTHER NIGHT.

IS THERE A CONNECTION? YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS MINE, BUT THERE ARE A LOT OF PIECES TO THIS PUZZLE.

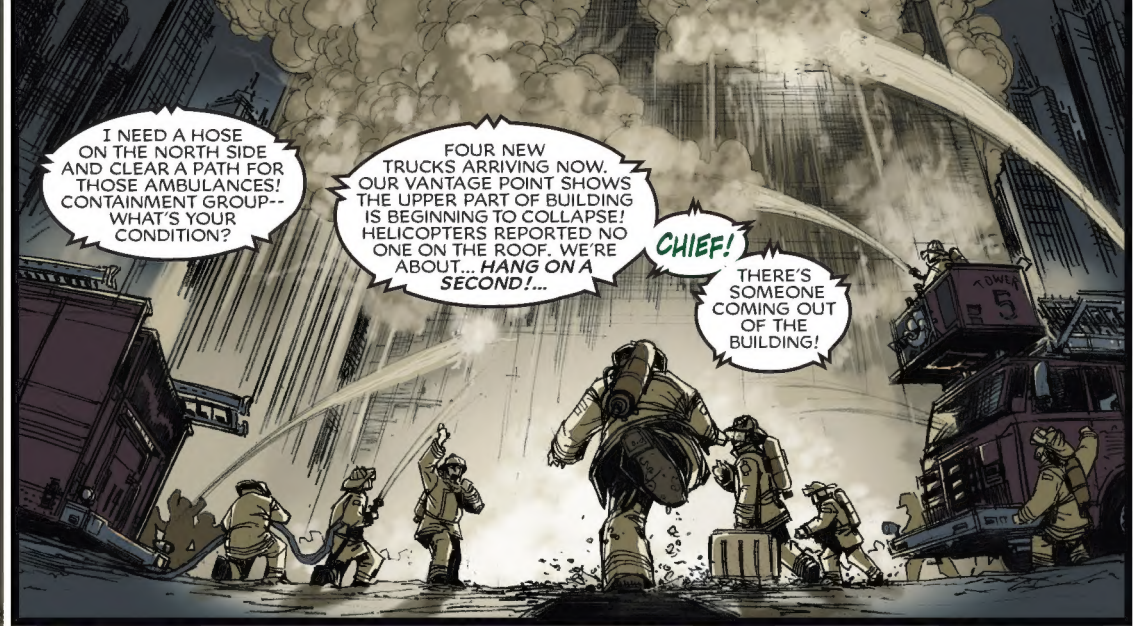
THAT LIGHT WAS SEEN AS FAR OFF AS **NEWARK!** THE AUTHORITIES AREN'T EVEN BOTHERING TO DENY THAT IT OCCURRED. IN FACT, SEVERAL ON-DUTY POLICE OFFICERS CALLED IN WITH EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNTS. STILL, CITY HALL IS OFFERING NO EXPLANATION OF THAT PHENOMENON, SO TONIGHT, AS ALWAYS, THE QUESTION IS--
"DO YOU FEEL SAFE?"



AS SOME OF YOU MAY REMEMBER, ST. ANTHONY'S HOSPITAL, AS IT WAS KNOWN IN THE SIXTIES AND SEVENTIES, WAS REGULARLY USED AS A REFUGE BY SOME OF THE AILING MOVIE STARS OF THAT BYGONE ERA. ITS DISCREET STAFF AND MANAGEMENT TENDED DOZENS OF THE 'HOLLYWOOD ELITE' IN TIMES OF NEED.

THOSE IN THE KNOW SUSPECTED THAT THE FACILITY EXPANDED TO THOSE CELEBRITIES WITH ADDICTION PROBLEMS AS WELL. ALL THE WILD SPECULATION ENDED WHEN THE FACILITY WAS ABRUPTLY PURCHASED BY A SECRETIVE INTERNATIONAL GROUP ABOUT SIX YEARS AGO.

THESE CONFLICTED CONNECTIONS HAVE LED TO RAMPANT RUMORS THAT THE EXPLOSIONS MAY BE SOME SORT OF RETALIATORY ACTION BY OVERSEAS RIVALS.



I NEED A HOSE
ON THE NORTH SIDE
AND CLEAR A PATH FOR
THOSE AMBULANCES!
CONTAINMENT GROUP--
WHAT'S YOUR
CONDITION?

FOUR NEW
TRUCKS ARRIVING NOW.
OUR VANTAGE POINT SHOWS
THE UPPER PART OF BUILDING
IS BEGINNING TO COLLAPSE!
HELICOPTERS REPORTED NO
ONE ON THE ROOF. WE'RE
ABOUT... *HANG ON A
SECOND!*...

CHIEF!

THERE'S
SOMEONE
COMING OUT
OF THE
BUILDING!



IS IT
ONE OF
OURS?

NO!
WE'RE ALL
ACCOUNTED
FOR.

ARE THEY
INJURED?



CAN'T
TELL--SMOKE'S
TOO THICK TO
SEE!

help...
me...





Tyrant
Lizard
King

EMPIRE